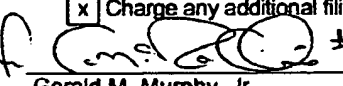


Rec'd PCT/PTO 08 MAY 2006

<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>			Docket No. 0230-0222PUS1	
Application No. 10/521,454-Conf. #8799	Filing Date January 14, 2005	Examiner Not Yet Assigned	Art Unit 2829	
Applicant(s): Ichiro HIRAO et al.				
Invention: NUCLEOSIDE OR NUCLEOTIDES HAVING NOVEL UNNATURAL BASES AND USE THEREOF				
<p>MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p> <p>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.</p>				
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>				
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate
<b>Total Claims</b>	10	- 20 =		x
<b>Independent Claims</b>	3	- 3 =		x
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Other fee (please specify):				
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:</b>				0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large Entity <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity</span>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for this amendment.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.				
<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. <u>02-2448</u> as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayment.				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.				
 Gerald M. Murphy, Jr. Attorney Reg. No.: 28,977			Dated: <u>May 8, 2006</u>	
BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP 8110 Gatehouse Road Suite 100 East P.O. Box 747 Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747 (703) 205-8000				

08/15/2006 PBOOKER 00000002 022448 10521454  
01 FC:1616 360.00 DA